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SUBJECT:WTDR-FTI TRADE LIST PROGRAMS: COMBINED WTD/FTI REPORTING DOCUMENT, ITEM 22, NAMES OF PREPARERS.

REF: 1. --2069 MAR 25 1975

2. A-881 FEB 10 1975

1. THE SAMPLE WTDR TRANSMITTED VIA A-2069 CONTAINS IN ITEM 22 THE NAMES OF THE PREPARING AND APPROVING EMPLOYEES. APPARENTLY THE NAMES OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPORT ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PURCHASER.

2. IF THIS IS THE CASE IT IS A SUBSTANTIAL DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS PRACTICE BY THE DEPARTMENT AND AT VARIANCE WITH LOCAL CREDIT RATING PROCEDURE . DESPITE THE STATEMENT THAT THE REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE AT LEAST ONE CASE HAS OCCURRED IN THE PAST AT THIS POST WHEN A U.S. EXPORTER HAS MADE AVAILABLE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE WTDR TO A FINNISH FIRM IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY HIS REFUSAL TO DO BUSINESS.

3. IF THE REPORT MAKES AN ADVERSE FINDING ON A FIRM, MIGHT NOT SUCH FIRM CONSIDER LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE PREPARER? AN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE COULD BE PROTECTED BY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY OR TRANSFER BUT MOST REPORTS ARE PREPARED BY LOCAL EMPLOYEES. THERE IS ALSO THE CONSIDERATION THAT BANKING SOURCES OF INFORMATION MAY BE RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION IF THEY FIND THAT THEIR EMBASSY CONTACT IS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT PREPARED.

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4. BEFORE ANALYZING AT GREATER LENGTHS THE PROBLEMS THAT

MAY BE ENCOUNTERED BY FORWARDING TO WTDR USERS THE NAMES  
OF THE PREPARERS, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING  
INFORMED WHETHER IT IS INDEED THE PRACTICE TO MAKE THESE  
NAMES AVAILABLE TO THE PURCHASERS.

5. THE EMBASSY HAS, OF COURSE, NO OBJECTION TO SUBMITTING  
THE NAMES OF THE PREPARERS TO THE DEPARTMENT IF THIS  
INFORMATION IS NOT PASSED ON TO THE PURCHASER.

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